- 2. (Previously Presented) A plant stand as in claim 1, further comprising at least three additional hook mechanisms for attaching said at least three additional rings to said at least one vertical support.
- 3. (Previously Presented) A plant stand as in claim 2, further comprising at least three additional ridges for attaching said at least three additional rings to said at least one vertical support.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A plant stand as in claim 3, further comprising at least three additional vertical supports.
  - 5. (Previously Presented) A plant stand as in claim 4, wherein said at least three additional vertical supports have at least three additional indentations to removably communicate with said at least one ring, and said at least three additional rings.
  - 6. (Currently Amended) A plant stand as in claim 5, wherein said at least three additional vertical supports have at least one bend each so that the <u>a</u> user may apply pressure with their <u>a</u> foot to embed said at least one bend each into the earth.
  - 7. (Previously Presented) A plant stand as in claim 6, wherein said at least one bend each is identical in construction to said bend on said at least one vertical support.

- 8. (Previously Presented) A plant stand as in claim 5, wherein said at least one ring and said at least three rings are arranged on said at least one vertical support and said at least three additional vertical supports in a horizontal manner with the smallest ring closest to the earth, and the largest ring farthest from the earth
- 9. (Currently Amended) A plant stand, comprising:

  at least one vertical support communicating in a removable manner with the earth;

  an indentation on said at least one vertical support;

  at least one ring attached to said at least one vertical support;

  an arc, disposed adjacent to said indentation; and
- a ridge on said at least one ring, said ridge <u>moving within said arc in communication</u> with said indentation on said at least one vertical support.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The plant stand of claim 9, wherein said ridge rotates within said indentation.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The plant stand of claim 9, wherein said ridge rotates within said indentation between a locked and unlocked position.